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SUBJECT: CABLE HIGHLIGHTS

FOR UNDER SECRETARY HABIB FROM OPERATIONS CENTER

FOLLOWING ARE CABLE HIGHLIGHTS FOR MAY 23, 1977:

1. BRITISH PRESS COMMENTS ON BERLIN

US BERLIN IS DISMAYED THAT THE FCO PLANS TO SAY ON BACK-
GROUND, IF ASKED, THAT THE LEGAL STATUS OF BERLIN IS
LESS IMPORTANT THAN THE CONTINUED EXERCISE OF WESTERN
RIGHTS THERE. (US BERLIN 1377, CONFIDENTIAL/EXDIS)

2. NIMEIRI-SADIQ RAPPROCHEMENT?

EMBASSY KHARTOUM HRS INFORMATION IT COULD BE ANNOUNCED
AS EARLY AS TOMORROW. IF TRUE, IT BELIEVES IT WILL HELP
BOTH NIMEIRI AND THE U.S. (KHARTOUM 1740, SECRET/EXDIS)
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3. SOUTH AFRICA IN THE IAEA.

DIRECTOR GENERAL EKLUND DOES NOT EXPECT A SOUTH AFRICAN
INITIATIVE TO PROTECT ITS MEMBERSHIP. OUR MISSION
RECOMMENDS
SUPPORTING A COMPROMISE ENLARGING THE MEMBERSHIP AND

LEAVING PRETORIA IN. (IAEA VIENNA 4177, LOU)

4. AMBASSADOR LOUGHRAN'S MEETING WITH SIAD.

THE SOMALI LEADER WELCOMED US ARMS AND AID, BUT GAVE LOUGHRAN THE IMPRESSION HE WISHES TO SLOW DOWN THE PACE OF DEVELOPMENTS, EXAMINE HIS OPTIONS, AND SEE HOW FAR THE SOVIETS GO IN BACKING MENGISTU. (MOGADISCIO 826, SECRET/EXDIS)

5. NON-PROLIFERATION.

VAN DER STOEL HAS WRITTEN HIS BRITISH AND GERMAN COUNTER-PARTS URGING STRICT SAFEGUARDS FOR THE BRAZILIAN PROJECT TO DELAY WHAT HE BELIEVES ARE IMMINENT FRG MOVES TOWARD PROCEEDING WITH THE DEAL. (THE HAGUE 2671, SECRET/EXDIS)

6. UN INVOLVEMENT IN THE SAHARA.

AMBASSADOR ANDERSON DOES NOT BELIEVE US SUPPORT OF A WALDHEIM INITIATIVE WOULD SERVE ANY USEFUL PURPOSE, AND FEARS OUR INTERESTS WOULD BE HURT BY ITS INEVITABLE FAILURE. (RABAT 2790, CONFIDENTIAL/EXDIS)

7. SADAT KEEPING COOL ON BEGIN.

HE ASKED AMBASSADOR EILTS TO CONVEY TO THE PRESIDENT THAT HE WOULD NOT ALLOW THE ISRAELI ELECTION RESULTS TO DERAIL MIDDLE EAST PEACE EFFORTS. (CAIRO 8642, SECRET/EXDIS)
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8. KAUNDA: VORSTER BLOCKED SMITH RESIGNATION.

ON THREE OCCASIONS, HE TOLD THE PRESS, SMITH SOUGHT TO RESIGN BUT WAS TOLD TO STAY UNTIL VORSTER'S NAMIBIA PROBLEM WAS RESOLVED. (LUSAKA 1446, UNCLASSIFIED)

9. BERLIN DEMARCHES APPEAR IN FRG PRESS.

THREE BRIEF, NONSENSATIONAL ARTICLES APPEARED TODAY FOLLOWING A NOT-FOR-PUBLICATION BACKGROUND ON MAY 20 BY FOREIGN MINISTER GENSCHER. (BONN 8770, CONFIDENTIAL/EXDIS)

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